



H.Res. 868 – Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 868 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) on December 11, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee Natural Resources, but was never considered.

H.Res. 868 is expected to be considered on the House floor on February 12, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 868 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the foresight of President Theodore Roosevelt in using the Antiquities Act in declaring Muir Woods National Monument;
- Recognizes the 100 years of careful preservation of America's Coastal Redwood forest within Muir Woods National Monument; and
- Recognizes the natural and historical importance of the Muir Woods National Monument in the State of California and to the Nation.

BACKGROUND

The land that became Muir Woods was presented to the United States Government as a gift to the people of the United States by California Congressman William Kent in 1907.

Muir Woods National Monument was proclaimed a National Monument on January 9, 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt. Muir Woods became the United State's seventh National Monument and the first created from land donated by a private individual.

In 1972, Muir Woods National Monument became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and attracts up to a million visitors annually.

May 19, 1945 international delegates to the historic Charter Convention of the United Nations met in Muir Wood's Cathedral Grove to open the convention and honor the memory of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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